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A METHOD TO INCREASE THE COUPLING  
RATION OF WORD LINE TO FLOATING GATE  
BY LATERAL COUPLING IN STACKED-GATE  
FLASH

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#### RESPONSE PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 08/26/02, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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